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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and means of complying therewith according to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. A copy of the cited reference is enclosed herewith. No representation is made that the cited art is the only art or that the cited art represents the best art.

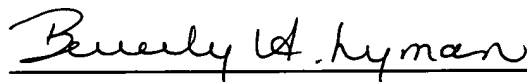
The Examiner is urged to consider the cited reference and to make an independent decision with respect to its materiality.

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Respectfully submitted,

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